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THE OBSERVATOR.

The Obſervator's *Reaſons for inſiſting ſo much on the Caſe of the poor* Palatines, *and giving it the Preference to that of our own Poor. Conſiderations on the Objection, that the Papiſts among 'em ought not to be entertain'd. On the Propoſals of the Lord Lieutenant and Council of* Ireland, *&c. to employ Numbers of 'em. The coming over of ſo many Strangers hither, a Proof of the Miſchief of arbitrary and careleſs Governments. On the Order of the Lords Commiſſioners, and others, to prevent the* Palatines *being cheated of the Brief-Money.*

From Wednesday, Auguſt 3. to Saturday, Auguſt 6. 1709.

Country-m. YOU have ſaid ſo much about employing the poor *Palatines*, Maſter, that ſome Gentlemen ſay, you have forgot our own Poor; and therefore wiſh you would ſay ſomething about employing them, becauſe they are very numerous, and rather increaſe than decreaſe upon our Hands.

Obſ. I ſpoke to the Caſe of the *Palatines* firſt, *Roger*, becauſe that is moſt preſſing. Our own Poor are in their own Country, underſtand the Language, have their Friends and Acquaintance to relieve them, know where to apply for Work, if they have a Mind to it; beſides, many of them are provided for by Pariſh-Rates, and more might be ſo, were they duly improv'd, and put upon a right Foot; but thoſe poor deſolate Strangers are depriv'd of all ſuch Advantages, they have caſt themſelves upon our national Charity, and muſt be provided for, ſome Way or other, by the Publick, otherwiſe they will ſtarve, to the great Diſhonour and Reproach of our Country. The cold Seaſon advances now a-pace; ſo that if they be not ſpeedily provided of Houſe-Room, and other Conveniences, they will drop as faſt as the Leaves from our Trees; which no good Chriſtian can think on, without a Mixture of Horror and Compaſſion, becauſe, as the Caſe is lamentable in it ſelf, twill bring a Reflexion upon our Religion and Adminiſtration.

Country-m. I am inform'd, Maſter, that ſeveral Gentlemen have made honourable and generous Propoſals to build Houſes for them, and employ Numbers of them at very eaſy Rates, without any Proſpect of Advantage to themſelves, provided there be Care taken they be not Loſers.

Obſ. I am very glad of that, *Roger*. Whoever thoſe Gentlemen be, they have the Promiſe of the Almighty, that they ſhall not want their Reward; and 'tis the Duty of all good Chriſtians, to pray that it may return into their Boſoms a hundred Fold. The Pſalmiſt informs us, *That a good Man ſhews Favour, and lendeth, he diſperſes and gives to the Poor, his Righteouſneſs endures for ever, and he ſhall be exalted with Honour.* The wiſeſt of Kings tells us, *That he who gives to the Poor, ſhall not lack; but he that hideth his Eyes, ſhall have many a Curſe; and he that by Uſury and unjuſt Gain increaſeth his Subſtance, ſhall gather it for him that will pity the Poor.* Our Saviour told the rich young Man in the Goſpel, *That if he would give to the Poor, he ſhould have Treaſure in Heaven*; but he prefer'd his great Poſſeſſions, to the heavenly Inheritance; which I hope our Miſers will reflect upon. The Apoſtle informs us, *That whoſo hath this World's Good, and ſeeth his Brother have Need, and ſhutteth up his Bowels of Compaſſion from him, has not the Love of God in him.* And our Saviour, as I hited already, gives that as one of the Cauſes for ſending the Wicked into everlaſting Flames, *That they did not miniſter to his little Ones, who were Strangers.*

Country-m. But, Maſter, they ſay there's a great many Papiſts among theſe *Palatines*, and that there's no Reaſon we ſhould entertain them.

Obſ. I am afraid, *Roger*, that thoſe who inſiſt moſt upon that Objection, are againſt entertaining any of them, and that they are acted by narrow Principles, inſtead of being influenc'd by the Catholick Spirit of the Goſpel, which commands us *to do Good to all Men.* This was alſo the Will of God under the *Jewiſh* Diſpenſation; they were enjoin'd to be kind, as I mention'd before, to the Strangers who dwelt among 'em, to allow 'em an Inheritance in the Tribes where they ſojourn'd, even *tho' they were Strangers to the Promiſe, and Aliens from the Commonwealth of* Iſrael. I am as much againſt increaſing the Number of our Papiſts, *Roger*, as any Man, but I would not have us to be guilty of that ſame Want of Charity to them, that we charge 'em with the Want of towards us. We ſhould put them to ſhame by the contrary Practice, *do Good for Evil*, and by that Means, *heap Coals of Fire upon their Heads.* Our Religion is, or at leaſt ought to be, primitive Chriſtianity, as deliver'd to us in the *New Teſtament*, without *the Hay or Stubble of* human Additions; therefore this being an indiſpenſible Duty enjoin'd upon Chriſtians, *to do Good to all Men*, we ought to relieve thoſe that are in Want, be they *Jews*, *Turks*, or *Pagans*. 'Tis Part of the Law of Nature, which was prior either to the *Jewiſh* or Chriſtian Oeconomy. Tho' the Church of *Rome* has adulterated the Chriſtian Religion by her Additions, without Warrant from the Word of God, and that her Religion is now wholly accommodated to keep up the Grandeur of the Court of *Rome*, and become a Compound of human Policy, inſtead of pure and unmix'd Chriſtianity, for which that Church was once famous in common with others, as we find in the Writings of the Apoſtles, yet in ſo far as they profeſs Chriſtianity, we muſt account them Brethren, tho' we are to have no Communion with them in their unfruitful Works of Darkneſs, which are Inventions proceeding from the dark Brains and Cells of Monks, Prieſts, and School-men, and quite contrary to the clear Light of the Scriptures. Beſides, *Roger*, there's a great Difference betwixt thoſe *German* Papiſts, and ours. Many of thoſe poor Creatures are ſuch by Education, and for want of Opportunity of being better inſtructed; whereas great Numbers of ours are Pervers, and moſt of them inſpir'd with an irreconcileable Hatred to our Religion and Government, who wilfully ſhut their Eyes againſt ſuch Demonſtrations, as are daily afforded them from the Scriptures, our Sermons, and Proteſtant Writings. Others of thoſe poor *Germans* have embrac'd Popery by the Force of Tentation, and the Influence of a Popiſh Government, but if we be rightly inform'd, many of 'em are now willing to renounce it, and therefore ought to be encourag'd, in Compaſſion to their Souls, as well as their Bodies: Some of them again being inter-marry'd with Proteſtants, have come over with their Proteſtant Relations, to ſhare in their Fate, and may in Time be brought to our Religion; therefore we ought to be as wiſe at leaſt as the Papiſts, who compaſs Sea and Land to make

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Proſelytes, and open their Purſes liberally on ſuch Occaſions. Let us not therefore reject ſuch, when they come to other themſelves. But to conclude this Matter in a few Words, *Roger*, 'tis my humble Opinion, that the Proteſtant *Palatines* themſelves ſhould be conſulted as to what may be proper to be done with the Papiſts among them; for they ſhould not by any Means be ſuffer'd to ſtarve, to the Diſgrace of our Country and Religion: Such of 'em as are willing and proper, may be liſted into the Service of King *Charles*, or the King of *Portugal*; and if there be any of them that are not thought fit to be entertain'd in our Dominions, they ought to be ſent again beyond Sea, with Paſſports and competent Subſiſtance, to diſpoſe of themſelves where they think meet, rather than ſuffer'd to ſtarve here.

Country-m. I think you have ſaid a great deal to the Purpoſe, Maſter; but I hope all thoſe Objections will ſoon be remov'd, ſince the Lord Lieutenant and Council of *Ireland* have addreſs'd her Majeſty, and given Aſſurance, that as many of 'em as may be thought fit to be ſent thither, ſhall be kindly receiv'd, and advantagiouſly ſettl'd; upon which, the Lords Commiſſioners and others have reſolv'd to ſend 500 Families of them thither forthwith.

Obſ. I am very glad of that, *Roger*; they will be much better Company than the *Iriſh* Papiſts: You know I propos'd ſending ſome of 'em thither at firſt. His Excellency acts in this, antwerable to the generous Principles in which he was educated. His noble Father did a great deal of Good while alive, and left conſiderable Funds for charitable Uſes after his Death. He always appear'd with undaunted Courage for the Liberty of his Country, and teſtify'd his Zeal for the Proteſtant Intereſt in the worſt of Times; for which he had the Honour both to act and ſuffer. I am glad to find, that his Lordſhip in theſe Things follows his good Example, eſpecially ſince his high Station may have a great deal of Influence upon others. This will make his Memory grateful to lateſt Poſterity, when the Memory of others, who have abandon'd the true *Britiſh* and Proteſtant Principles, in which they were educated, will periſh with the Principles and Practices of the contrary Party they have eſpous'd.

Country-m. I hear likewiſe, Maſter, that great Numbers of the poor *Germans* have petition'd to be tranſported to *Carolina*, to accept the Offers of the Lords Proprietors, which was lately mention'd in the *Gazette*, and that a particular Gentleman in *Ireland* has offer'd to build Houſes for, and to employ a good Number of them on his own Eſtate; ſo that we have Reaſon to hope, that moſt of 'em will be advantagiouſly diſpos'd of in a little Time, without Damage to our own Poor; which will put an End to all the Clamour about them, and juſtify the Wiſdom of our Naturalization-Act.

Obſ. I hope it will alſo have this good Effect, *Roger*, that it may convince Princes of the Folly of oppreſſing or neglecting their Subjects; for had thoſe People been eaſy at Home, they would never have come in ſuch Numbers Abroad. Heavy Taxes, Want of Trade, and an Abridgment of Liberty, without Security for Mens enjoying their Property, are ſuch Circumſtances as no People will patiently ſit under, if they can find a Way to eſcape them. The Light of Nature, and divine Revelation, are both Enemies to Tyranny, and will never ſuffer Mankind to be reconcil'd to it, let the ſlaviſh Clergy, and others, who ſet up as Patrons of Paſſive-Obedience, preach and write what they will. We had ſuch an Inſtance of this even among the Abettors of that Doctrine here at the Revolution, when the chief of 'em were the loudeſt in their Clamours, and as forward as any to invite over and join the Prince of *Orange*, to reſcue them, when they found their own Property touch'd, that one would wonder ſo many of them ſhould have the Front to attempt the Revival of thoſe ſlaviſh Principles among us.

Country-m. We muſt talk with thoſe People another Time, Maſter. Pray give me your Opinion of the Order of the Lords Commiſſioners, and others, about the Manner of collecting the Brief-Money for the poor *Palatines*.

Obſ. I think it admirably well contriv'd to prevent Cheats, *Roger*, and am of Opinion, that if thoſe Orders be duly obſerv'd, it will be impoſſible for any Collector or Receiver to put ſuch Cheats upon the Publick in that Matter, as *Mayduell*, &c. did in Relation to the *Orange* and Storm briefs.

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